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Addendum

Proposed strategic framework for the period 2010-2011
(*Item 3 (b)*)

Programme 7
Economic and social affairs

1. At its 13th meeting, on 19 June 2008, the Committee for Programme and Coordination considered programme 7, Economic and social affairs, of the proposed biennial programme plan (A/63/6 (Prog. 7)).

2. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced the programme and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the programme.

Discussion

3. Support was expressed for the programme, and its overall orientation, objectives and subprogrammes. The important role that the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat can play in facilitating initiatives to eradicate poverty and to promote sustainable development, social development and gender mainstreaming in all political, economic and social spheres was emphasized.

4. Support was expressed for furthering, under subprogramme 1, Economic and Social Council support and coordination, reform of the Council and especially of the annual ministerial review and Development Cooperation Forum processes.

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5. It was noted that, under subprogramme 2, Gender issues and advancement of women, greater effort should be made to promote women's rights, including economic rights. The view was expressed that violence against women is a matter of concern for all countries. Clarification was sought on mechanisms designed to evaluate the implementation of goals relating to gender mainstreaming and violence against women.

6. Satisfaction was expressed with inclusion in the objective and strategy, under subprogramme 3, Social policy and development, of concerted poverty eradication, employment-generation and social integration. The view was expressed that more emphasis should be placed on support for vulnerable groups, including persons with disabilities, older persons and youth.

7. The view was expressed that, under subprogramme 4, Sustainable development, more concerted efforts and concrete action were necessary for the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals. Clarification was sought on proposed measures to streamline national reporting to the Commission on Sustainable Development and on measurements to verify progress in the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals and its impact on strengthening national development.

8. The importance of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States was stressed. The urgent need to promote development in Africa, especially in the context of the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals, was emphasized.

9. Clarification was sought, under subprogramme 5, Statistics, on mechanisms of coordination with the regional commissions, other international organizations and multilateral institutions, such as the World Bank.

10. Clarification was sought on monitoring and evaluation mechanisms for reviewing achievements under subprogramme 8, Public administration and development management.

11. The view was expressed that the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus should further promote participation of international institutions in the financing-for-development work conducted under subprogramme 10, Financing for development.

12. The view was expressed that the Department of Economic and Social Affairs should further promote knowledge-sharing in the report production process by implementing, inter alia, recommendation 3 made by the Office of Internal Oversight Services in its report on the thematic evaluation of knowledge management networks in the pursuit of the goals of the Millennium Declaration (see E/AC.51/2006/2, sect. 6B).

Conclusions and recommendations

13. **The Committee noted the cross-cutting nature of the issues contained in the programme and in this regard underlined the importance of subprogramme 5, Statistics. The Committee recommended enhancing the strategy in order to achieve the objective of advancing the global statistical**

system through the full engagement of the different entities of the United Nations system as well as through the collection of statistical data from Member States.

14. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the programme narrative of programme 7, Economic and social affairs, of the proposed biennial programme plan, subject to the following modifications:**

Overall orientation

Paragraph 7.1

Delete the last sentence.

Add a new paragraph after paragraph 7.1 to read:

"7.2. The programme is under the responsibility of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs. Its key programmatic thrusts are (a) to provide substantive support to the bodies established under the Charter of the United Nations dealing with development issues, namely, the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and its related functional commissions, and expert bodies and (b) to analyse development prospects globally."

Renumber the subsequent paragraphs accordingly.

Old paragraph 7.2

In the first and second sentences, replace the words "including the Millennium Summit and the 2005 World Summit. Those commitments" with the word "that".

Old paragraph 7.3

In subparagraph (c), after the word "development", insert the words "and active promotion of capacity-building activities in order".

Subprogramme 2
Gender issues and advancement of women

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat

Replace existing expected accomplishment (d) with the following new accomplishment (d) to read:

"(d) Increased understanding of and enhanced policy support for measures to implement all relevant resolutions and decisions on gender issues, including on women and armed conflict".

Indicators of achievement

Replace existing indicator (d) with the following new indicator (d) to read:

"(d) Increased number of United Nations entity-specific policies and action plans developed with the support of the Office of the Special Adviser on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women on

implementation of resolutions and decisions on gender issues, including on women and armed conflict".

Subprogramme 3
Social policy and development

Indicators of achievement

In indicator of achievement (b) (ii), after the word "countries" insert the words "with the support of the Division for Social Policy and Development".

Subprogramme 6
Population

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat

In expected accomplishment (a), replace the words ", the Millennium Summit and the 2005 World Summit" with the words "and the outcomes of the United Nations conferences and summits in the social and economic fields related to population and development, including the Millennium Summit and the 2005 World Summit".

Strategy

In old subparagraph 7.11 (a), after the words "and the achievement of" insert the words "internationally agreed development goals, including".

Subprogramme 7
Development policy and analysis

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat

In expected accomplishment (c), replace the words "poverty reduction" with the words "poverty eradication".

Strategy

In old subparagraph 7.12 (e), after the words "Assistance to", replace the words "the Security Council, the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly" with the words "the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and the Security Council".